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THE WEATHER TO-DAY-FRIE.

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COAST IS SWEPT BY SEVERE STORM OF WIND AND RAIN

Nine Lives and Property Loss of Millions Is

ITS FULL FORCE

Little Jersey Resort Is Plaything of the Ocean, Cottages Being Wrecked and Portions of Two Big Hotels Torn Away-Reports of Damage From Many Sections.

and a property loss that will mount into the millions was the toll taken by the great wind and rain storm that swept over the coast and the region about New York early to-day.

The captains of two coal barges the A. C. Ropes, and the Undaunted, with four seamen, their entire crew, lost their lives when the barges foundered off Forked River, N. J., when the barges were swept away from the tug towing them and thrown up on the beach by the terrific gale and sea.

Two men died of exposure at Trenton, N. J.

A workman was drowned in the East River off Sunken Meadows when his rowboat was swamped by the high

winds.

Nearer New York, piers and buildings along river fronts were flooded, the newly made part of Governor's Island was submerged, pavilions and walks at Coney Island and Brighton Beach were wrecked, and everywhere the devastation was shown in uprooted trees and broken window panes.

Full Force Hits Senbright.

The full force of the northeaster fell upon that stretch of the Jersey coast which reaches out into the Atlantic Ocean like the elbow of a half-flexed arm. The official records of the Long Branch Weather Bureau station showed that at 2:53 o'clock this morning the wind attained a velocity of 123 miles an hour. This is the highest ever recorded.

Scabright, the little Jersey resort, which nestles between the sea and the Shrewsbury River, was the plaything of the ocean. Monster waves, whipped up by the gale, tore away supposedly dood-proof bulkheads, smashed bathhouses to kindling wood, washed away or undermined fifteen fishermen's cottages, tore away portions of two big summer hotels, inugdated the main streets of Seabright to a depth in some places of almost three reet, and buried the tracks of the Central Railroad of the tracks of the Central Railroad of Sand, brick and rock, completely tying up traffic between East Long Branch and Atlantic Highlands for twelve hours.

In addition to this, the summer homes of men of wealth were damaged to the extent of tens of thousands of dol.

Was discussed, but they never had exchanged but the led Castleman no because he wanted to catch him in a bribery plot.

Blobs testified that Mayor S J.

Taylor, of Jacks up by the gale, tore away supposedly flood-proof bulkheads, smashed bath-houses to kindling wood, washed away

At midnight the wind lashed itself into a gale, and Mayor George W. Elliott advised the little group of fishermen to move their belongings from their homes, the rear of which abutted upon

The entire male population of the the work of rescue began. It was a orry sight along the beach. The shermen-mainly sturdy transplanted sons of Sweden-were in sou'westers and hip boots en, weeping, huddled in groups until they were taken to the homes of their neighbors. There was no bulkhead in front of the fishermen's shantles, and the huge breakers had full sway stubborn resistance, but many of them succumbed to the irresistible force of the waves. The bulkhead in front of the Octagon Hotel was all but washed way. A portion of the rear of the otel gave way and part of the diningroom was washed away

Boardwalk Is Wrecked.

Fifty feet of the lawn of the Penin-sula Hotel was carried away. All that remained of the Octagon's private boardwalk along the water front was a mass of wreckage. Damage to the Octagon was esti-

mated by Proprietor George M. Sandt at \$25,000. A concrete jetty is needed, sald Mr. Sandt, to insure Seabright against the ravages of the ocean. The bulkhead in front of the Green

Inn at Galilee was destroyed, as was also the half-mile boardwalk. The total Seabright damage was placed at \$300,000. Mayor Elliott said that \$20,000 will be required to rebuild

the fishermen's huts and build a bulkread adequate to protect them. The Mayor has started a relief fund.

Henry Snow in Albany Section

Albany, N. Y., December 26 .- A heavy, dry snow fell to-day in depths throughout this part of the State. this city about five inches of snow fell, but the record mark was set in Whitehall, and fourteen inches had fallen in snow was reported from Johnstown. lines suffered as a result.

Glens Fall by noon. Nine inches of and steam transportation Northern reported many trains from one to two hours late. From Whitehall came the story that the blizzard was the worst since the memorable storm

Several Have Narrow Escapes. Ozark Park, Cal., December 26.— Twenty-foot breakers tumbling upon crest of the season's highest tide broke over bulkheads guarding the Strand, and nearly drowned between thirty and forty men and women, who breakfasting basement fashionable hotel. The the windows, and fell upon the

guests at the table. A few minutes (Continued On Second Page.)

NO PLACE FOR M'BLAIR

Husband of Key's Granddaughter

Husband of Key's Granddaughter Is
Without Position.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, December 26.—On the
eve of the anniversary of the writing
of the "Sar Spangled Banner." by Francis Scott Key, Mrs. A. McDonald McBiair, the axed granddaughter of the
author is in destitution in this city.
Word was received to-day from Attorney-General McReynolds that the efforts of friends to ket Mrs. McBlair a torney-General McReynolds that the efforts of friends to get Mrs. McBlair a government position were of no avail. It is said that in his letter the Attorney-General Informs them that it will be useless to make any appeals from this decision or to seek any personal explanation. President Roosevelt, during his administration, discovered a romance between the present Mrs. McBlair, who was then unmarried, and holding a minor government position, and A. McDonald McBlair, the sweetheart of her youth. He promptly found McBlair a place in the Department of Justice and the faithful lovers were married.

During President Taft's administra-

During President Taft's administra-tion Mr. McBlair lost his position. Af-ter the inauguration of President Wil-son prominent Democrats of Maryland brought the case to his attention. The President referred the matter to the Attorney General with the Attorney General with Attorney-General, who to-day rendered

SUIT TO RECOVER \$7.000.000

State Senator Hobbs Charged With Re-ceiving Bribes. Committee.

ceiving Hibbs.

Ceiving Hribes.

Vicksburg, Miss., December 25.—

State Senator G. A. Hobbs, testifying at his trial on charges of receiving and soliciting bribes, denied to-day that he ever received money from Stephen Castleman, as the prosecution charges. He said that he met Castleman a number of times and bribery was discussed, but they never had exchanged money. He maintained that he led Castleman on because he wanted he led Castleman on because he wanted

cf men of wealth were damaged to the extent of tens of thousands of dollars by the ripping up of their lawns and the flooding of their cellars.

Wind Becomes a Gale.

Late Christmas night the alarm went forth in Seabright that the wind began to freshen and soon the waves were snarling against the buikheads.

He swore that Governor Brewer told him that he would send him to the pententiary if he did not implicate Lieutenant-Governor Bilbo. Bilbo is jointly indicted with Hobbs. He said Governor Brewer told him he would pardon him if convicted, provided he would testify against Bilbo. This, Hobbs said he refused to do.

BOTH REST IN SCHMIDT CASE

Argument Will Begin To-Day, With Ninety Minutes for Each Side. New York, December 26.—Prosecu-tion and defense rested late this after-noon in the case of Hans Schmidt, ac-cused of the murder of Anna Aumuller. noon in the case of Hans Schmidt, accused of the murder of Anna Aumuller, argument will begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Each side will be given ninety minutes to sum up. Four allenists called by the State today testified that in their opinions Schmidt had been shamming insanity. Dr. Carlos F. McDonald testified that on September 24 the accused ex-priest had told him: "I did it. I am willing for the law to take its course, and you can have my body." Dr. McDonald gave it as his opinion that Schmidt had shammed insanity much more cleverly than an ignorant person could have done.

had visions. That the accused had answered all

questions readily and connectedly when he examined him was the testi-mony given by Dr. Allen R. Dieffen-dorf. According to this expert, Schmid-is sane. Dr. William Mabon testified similarly.

MANY BILLS PENDING

Legislation to Regulate Stock Ex-change Transactions to be Considered. Washington, December 26.—Legisla-tion to regulate stock exchange transactions and prohibit dealings in fu-tures will be the subject of hearings before the House Committee on Agriculture early in the new year. Various bills are pending before the committee. Stock exchange officials, Congressmen, representatives of the farm interests, and others will be heard. Chairman Lever, of the committee, Chairman Lever, of the committee, purposes to press a bill of his own, dealing broadly with the subject. Rep-resentative Ferris, of Oklahoma, has a bill to prohibit gambling transactions in grain and cotton; Representative Heffin, of Alabama, has one to regulate and Representatives cotton futures, and Rep Harrison, of Mississippi; Byrne, of

sas, have antioption bills pending. FRENCH WILL NOT CONTEST

Henring in Divorce Petition Likely to Be Heard on January 5.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Newport, R. I., December 26.—The stability of cond divorce petition which Mrs. Pauling tively demanded. French filed in the Superior Court last month against her husband, Amos Tuck French, of New York and motion day, as it failed of hearing in the regular session of the court last

Depositions will be heard, all based on desertion, and asking for allowance for the support of herself and minor sons. Mr. French will not contest the caso.

month.

COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARINGS IN FOURTEEN CITIES

serve Banks.

NEXT TWO MONTHS MEN IN HIS PARTY FOR THIS WORK

vote Practically All Their Time to Studying Advantages of Various Places-Applications for Membership Continue to Pour In.

Washington, December 26.-The or- Pass Christian, Miss., December 26.-

Action Against Frisco Officers and Directors Ordered by Court.

St. Lolus, December 28.—Judgo Santon, of the United States Circuit Court, to-day ordered the receivers in the Frisco officers and directors to receiver profits of more than \$7.000,000.

An unnecessary burden of \$40,000.

Of is now carried by the Frisco as the result of manipulations of the "official syndicates," it is charged.

Judge Sanborn ordered that attorneys act as counsel for the receivers at twas charged that Judge Henry St. Priest, who has served as attorney for the receivers and also acted for Yoakum's other interests in bringing on the receivers and soluble disqualified. Judge Sanborn also this qualified Judge Walter F. Evans, counsel for the receivers.

Attorney Niles had charged that Receivers W. C. Nixon and W. B. Biddle were not the proper persons to conduct the restitution suits because of their affiliation with Yoakum and the fact that only recently they resigned as president and vice-president of the Prisco, respectively. Judge Sanborn stipulated in his decree that James C. Lousk shall act as "chairman of the receivers."

He is to have charge of the restitution suits.

DENIES HE ACCEPTED MONEY

Continue to Pour In.

Washington, December 26.—The organization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank-ing anization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank-ing anization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank-ing anization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank-ing anization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank-ing anization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank-ing anization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank-ing anization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank-ing anization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank-ing anization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank-ing anization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bank

day, suffering from a slight recovery. It was until Mr. McAdoo's recovery. It was said the bard work Mr. McAdoo did to aid in perfecting the currency law has DENIES HE ACCEPTED MONEY leved to be serious, but he is not expected to return to his desk for sev-

A statement from the committee today said:
"The committee has decided to for-"The committee has decided to for-ward immediately to every national and State bank and trust company a copy of the Federal research of the fames, Mrs. Neville did not know to treat her unexpected, distinguished great who may be a supplied of the fames of the fame copy of the Federal reserve act, to-gether with the form of application for membership in the Federal re-serve system.

now to treat her unexpected, distin-guished guest, who urged her to keep calm.

"Will you come into the parlor?"

national banks are required to signify their acceptance of its terms and pro-visions on or before February 12, 1914. and all eligible State banks and trust companies are permitted to signify their acceptance within the same time.

"It was determined that the organiza-tion committee will have hearings in various important cities for the purserve districts, and the location in each district of the head office of the Federal reserve banks.

cities, but ample opportunity will be given for representatives of various sections of the country contiguous to those cities to appear before the committee and present their views. It must not be inferred that the committee are described by the section of the president's thoughtful concern for Mrs. Neville

Enthusiastic About Links.

The President took no motor ride in the afternoon, resting after his exercition at golf. He enjoyed the change must not be inferred that the committee has determined upon any one of these cities as a location for the Federal reserve banks; they have been chosen as places for holding sessions of the committee solely because of the c their accessibility and convenience.

Dates of Hearings.

tom-house in New York on January poured in to-day as they have been 2 and 3; in Boston on January 5 and 6; for the last few days, congratuand return to New York for additional lating him on the enactment of the sessions January 8 and 9. The com-currency bill. He took a nap during mittee will sit in Washington from the afternoon, and again spent the January 12 to 17; in Chicago, Jan-evening with his family. uary 19, 20 and 21; St. Louis, January 26. a program of recreation for his visit Hearings for the other cities will be here. He will sleep at least nine hours

involves consideration of the general movement of commodities and ercise he hopes to get back to vigor of business transactions within the disof business transactions within the dis-tricts, and the transfer of funds and exchanges of credits arising there-

In laying out the districts cial address to Congress on the rela-lishing the headquarters for tions of the government to "big busiand establishing the headquarters for tions of the government reserve banks, every effort will be ness" and the trusts, made to promote business convenience. Of the choice of me

ng many cities to urge their claims, committee, nevertheless, must appeal to the patriotism of the country to assist it in arriving at sound conclusions through consideration of funal sentiment and pride must yield to

the common good, in order that the system may accomplish the purposes or which it was designed-namely, to secure to the business of the country the elastic system of credits and the stability of conditions so long impera-

"The committee will not, therefore, be able to receive delegations urging the claims of particular cities for preference as the headquarters of the serve banks. The claims of all cities will be considered upon their merits, in view of all the facts which will be about the work in a thoroughly prac-

(Continued On Fifth Page.)

PRESIDENT FINDS HIMSELF HERO FOR **ACTING FIRE CHIEF**

Then to Decide Location Spies Blaze That Threatof New Federal Re- ened to Destroy Handsome Home.

PUT FLAMES OUT

McAdoo and Houston Will De- He Calms Frightened Woman While Volunteers Climb to Roof and Extinguish Blaze. Frames Program of Recreation for His Stay at Pass Christian.

Washington, December 26.—The organization committee, which is to launch the new Federal reserve bankshing system, to-night announced its plan for marking out boundarles of reserve districts, and the selection of reserve districts, and the selection of reserve cities. Public hearings will be held in fourteen large cities—New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, Senttle, Portland, Oregon; San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Tex.; New Orleans, Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Cieveland.

Although these cities are the only ones to be visited, the advantages of many others will be considered, and bankers and others interested in cities not named in its list will be heard. The two Cabinet officers composing the committee will spend practically all of the next two months in this work. They expect to conclude their labors about the end of the period allowed national banks to announce their intention of becoming members of the system.

Secretary McAdoo left his office to. System.

Secretary McAdoo left his office today, suffering from a slight fever, and
the other committeeman Secretary
the other com

Volunteers Fight Flames.

Mrs. Neville pointed the way upstairs and Robinson and Fredericks, the chauffeurs, broke a window and climbed out on the roof, while James Sloan and Jack Wheeler, Secret Service guards,

she asked.
"No thanks," replied the President, "but you might let me get a bucket of water." Mrs. Neville hastened to comply, but just then the fire-fighters on the roof had descended, with the

report that little damage had been done and that the blaze was out. "Well done," said the President, and

"It will not be possible for the committee to hold sessions in any other
mittee to hold sessions in any other
cities, but ample opportunity will be

like those of Christmas Day. The President dictated a few letters "The committee will sit at the cus- and read scores of telegrams that

currency bill. He took a nap during

held between January 2s and March 1. each night, the quota he had hoped to "The committee desires to be in- get in Washington, but often has misshave done.

Dr. George II. Kirby said he had found the prisoner's mind to be working rapidly, but that it had given no indication of abnormality. He doubted the truth of Schmidt's assertions that the bad visions assertions that the bad visions assertions that the control of t daries of the proposed districts and his physician, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, U. the location of the Federal reserve S. N. At noon he will dispose of whatnks; ever important letters or telegrams.
"I. Geographical convenience, which that may reach him from the White involves transportation facilities and House, and after luncheon will take rapid and easy communication with all an automobile ride with his family, parts of the district.

"2. Industrial and commercial development and needs of each section, plans to spend the evenings reading. With this proportion of rest and ex-

Two Big Things in Mind. While the President will do little official work, there are at present two "3. The established custom and trend things uppermost in his mind—the of business as developed by the present selection of members of the Federal system of bank reserves and checking reserve board and the writing of a spe-

made to promote business convenience. Of the choice of members of the and normal movements of trade and board which will put into operation members of the mmerce.

The little considerations will not be the possibility that the President finpermitted to influence the committee in ally will decide on any individuals shall go West and become a teacher determining these important questions. While the committee appreciates local tentative list names which occur to Askol by a newspaper woman why pride and sentiment, which are prompt- him from time to time. Through corstart inquiries concerning the qualifications of those considered. It is virtually certain the President will use the same sifting process he used in selecting Cabinet members, carefully scrutinizing their previous affiliations. When the President returns to Washington probably he will confer with Cabinet advisers and friends regard-

ing the personnel of the board. Those closely associated with the President until the full sixty-day period allowed expired. had an agent here for two days The President probably will make a agent declares that he has a tentative rough draft of his antitrust address

while here, and later submit it to lead-ers of the administration. Investigation into the trust situation developed through the investigations, of what the administration regards as be \$500 a week. purpose of the committee is to go a growing desire on the part of business men to co-operate with the gov-(Continued on Fifth Page.)

CITY GOT OFFER IN AUGUST AND HAS NOT ACTED YET August 19-Alderman J. J. Mitchell Introduces resolution in Board of

Aldermen, calling upon Public Utilities Committee to report on the advisability of erecting a new and modern hospital on the City Home site. August 21-President S. C. Mitchell, of the Medical College of Virgnia, writes to Alderman Mitchell, tendering free loan of Virginia and Old

Dominion Hospitals. August 25-Chairman L. Z. Morris, of the executive committee of the medical college, submits formal offer to Mayor Ainslie and to Alderman

August 27-Alderman Mitchell presents hospital offer to Public Utilities Committee, which refers matter to a subcommittee, with instructions to investigate, coufer with the Administrative Board, and report.

September 10-Subcommittee, accompanied by John Hirschberg, of Administrative Board, inspects properties offered as free loan to city by Medical College of Virginia. October 17-Subcommittee holds public hearing and recommends to

parent committee by unanimous vote that hospital offer be accepted. October 21-Public Utilities Committee unanimously recommends acceptance of offer as made by Chairman Morris. November 25-Fluance Committee recommends acceptance of offer

after striking out provisions for the taking over of the Old Dominion Hospital, and incorporating an amendment permitting patients in the proposed new city hospital to call in their family physicians to attend them. December 1-Common Council, by unanimous vote, passes hospital resolution as amended by Finance Committee.

December 9-Board of Aldermen, by vote of 11 to 1, concurs in hospital resolution, after striking out Finance Committee amendment admitting private physicians to hospital practice.

December 23-Councilman Umlanf offers anbatitute resolution containing clause rejected by Board of Aldermen. Prolonged debate fails to decide matter, and Common Council votes to refer resolution to the Administrative Board for its recommendation.

REFUSES TO LEAVE PEOPLE DECLINE WITH HER BROTHER ALL OFFERS OF AID

Miss Brance Turns Deaf Ear to Relief Workers in Calumet Un-All Propositions Made by Him.

able to Give One Cent Away.

GETS OFFERS TO GO ON STAGE PROMISED HELP BY UNION

West and Become Teacher and Student.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Monticello, N. Y., December 26.—Herbert O. Brance, half-brother of Adelaide Brance, arrived here to-day, and after an unsuccessful attempt to induce his sister to return home with him left in a race pouring investigas him, left in a rage, pouring invectives upon the head of Melvin Henry Couch, the dead lawyer, who was his sister's lord and master for fifteen years. He gave to the newspapers a long story of the history of his family. His sister, he said, was a poble nure woman. he said, was a noble, pure woman. Couch, he characterized as a man with-out scruples and morals. He said that his sister was still in love with Couch, and that all his persuasion failed to move the woman. He regretted, he said, that he personally might not visit

revenge upon Couch. "It was determined that the organization committee will have hearings in various important cities for the purpose of securing the views of bankers and business men as to the division of the country into Federal reserve districts, and the location in each district of the head office of the Federal reserved istricts, and the location in each district of the head office of the Federal reserved istricts.

for her own story "Mel wouldn't like it," she said. "How do you know?" she was asked. 'He told me. I am always in communication with him. He comes when-ever I need advice."

Talk in County Jail.

at Hartwick," said Brance. tered Oswego Normal School, where she studied for six and one-half years, "A nervous breakdown, induced by her father's suicide, almost killed her I took her home with me, and there she lived for a year. Her doctor declared her unable to continue indoor work and she took up book canvassing. She visited such New York towns as Sidney, Liberty and Goshen, where she lived with Mrs. Ostrom. Then fourteen years ago she came to Monticello. Since that time until to-day I have not All my letters I addressed getting rid of the fund to her in care of Chester Brance, post-

master at South Fallsburg.
"Couch is dead. I am willing to forget if I can. My sister was a pure woman until she met him. She was not a vampire. She did not lure him. Because he was a hypocrite I am not He evidently thought little

of family honor.
"Since this blot on our family name hase been uncovered I have suffered the tortures of h——1. I want my sister to enter a sanatorium and stay there until she is well. Then she should go to a foreign country under an assumed name. All that I possess is at her disposal."

Rejects All Propositions. Miss Brance let it be known that she

had rejected all of her brother's propo-"I did not send for him," she said "He came voluntarily, but he is a kind dear. But I have plans of my own. I

Asked by a newspaper woman why he failed to take his sister away with him. Brance became profane in his reply, and was forced to apologize. He then hastened out of town, vowing his intentions of suing the Couch es-

Mrs. Melvin Couch declined to discuss Brance's statements, and dismissed all the utterances of Miss Brance by say "I am sorry for her. She must not

blame me for her troubles. If my af-fairs became heart woes with her, surely I was not at fault. I hope soon to hear the last of this unhappy af fair. A New York vaudeville magnate has

she will appear in a New York vaude ville house for two weeks early in January. The salary, he declared, is to

Miss Brance denies she will accept the offer, although she admits that she (Continued On Second Page.)

Woman Declares She Will Go Efforts to Find Man Who Started Panic Meet With Some Success.

Moyer Is Sent Out of Strike District

Calumet, Mich., December 20.— Charles II. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was put on a train and sent out of the copper strike district to-night. The deportation was the direct result of refusal of families stricken by the Christmas Eve disaster here to accept relief from a committee, the majority of whose members be-longed to the Citizens' Alliance, an organization combating the months' strike of the federation.

That Moyer's departure was un-expected was evidenced by the fact

hold that was approached said they had been promised adequate aid by the Western Federation of Miners. Miss Brance and her brother talked Members of the relief committee se-or two hours in her room in the county lected at yesterday's mass-meeting attributed this unprecedented condition 'My sister was born August 13, 1873, to the rumor that the man who started the panic among the striking cop-Hartwick, said Brance.
"She was educated at Hartwick Union per miners' children wore the emblem chool, where she graduated at fifteen; of the Citizens' Alliance, an organi-School, where she graduated at fifteen; of the Citizens' Alliance, an organi-after that she taught in the district zation opposed to continuance of the schools for three terms, and then en-strike. To combat this sentiment, strike. To combat this sentiment, they obtained from Anthony Lucas, prosecuting attorney of Houghton County, a statement that he was satisfied, from the progress of his inves-tigation, that the man who raised the

cry wore no insignia of any kind. Despite the evident determination of stricken families not to accept nonunion aid, the committee was not out strings. without hope of overcoming the prejudices, and held another meeting tonight to consider various plans for have absolute control of all its busi-Fifty-four ness affairs. families were on the list as needing possible aid, and each was visited by idea with the teaching idea, it was a subcommittee. The federation's necessary to specify that the faculty members were no less active. The of the Medical College of Virginia was proffers of union help were accepted should be the staff of the hospital. in nearly all cases.

Hope for Arrest Soon. Efforts to establish the identity of medical talent in the State, man who started the panic with some success to-day. Several persons gave long affidavits to Prosehoped that an arrest may be made soon. More important in the mind of the local community was the refuta-tion of the report that the miscreant

wore a Citizens' Alliance button.

Mrs. Therese Sizer denied that she had ever said she saw such an insignia when she grasped the man by the shoulders and tried to force him into a seat. Mrs. Louisa Lesh, who was mar-shaling children across the stage in Italian Hall while they were receiving their Christmas gifts, said she heard the cry of "fire" repeated thrice in the cry of "fire" repeated thrice in English from the centre of the hall, followed by the same voice exclaiming the alarm in Croatian. Herman ber thought he saw smoke issuing from the windows, and Mrs. Charles Meyers repeated her story of seeing ; ried from the building.

These accounts were embodied to statements and affidavits collected by the prosecutor. The persons quoted will be subpoenaed as witnesses at the

Union Cards as Tickets. A saloon man, whose place is on the first floor of the building in which the catastrophe occurred, told the investigators that only children posse union cards issued to their fa union cards issued to their fathers were admitted to the hall. With the door thus guarded, it was pointed out, it would have been almost impossible for any one wearing the insignia of a hostile organization to get within the

The relief committee, at its night meeting, decided to refuse offers of all (Continued On Second Page.)

COLLEGE MERGER MAY BE DEFEATED BY CITY'S DELAY

Citizens Asked to Help Unravel Kink in Hospital Offer.

CHAMBER CALLS SPECIAL MEETING

Dr. George Ben Johnston Clearly Sets Forth Condition Which Jeopardizes Plan to Make Richmond Great Medical Centre-Says Umlauf Amendment Unwise.

Plans for an adequate free hospital for the indigent sick of Richmond, and for bringing the medical department of the University of Virginia to this city, are in serious jeopardy because of the city's delay in accepting the use of the Virginia Hospital, according to Dr. George Ben Johnston. The amal-gamation of the two medical schools, owned and controlled by the State, must be authorized by the General Assembly. Quibbling over the details of hospital management may give the impression that Richmond is not in a receptive attitude toward becoming the great medical centre of the South.

the great medical centre of the South.

Chamber Calls Meeting.

An important meeting of the Chamber of Commerce has been called for Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock to consider the city's acceptance of the Virginia Hospital. The call states that the matter is vital both to the Indigent sick and to the development of Richmond as a medical centre, steps for which have reached a critical stage. The meeting is not to raise money, but to give expression to public opinion on an issue of deep concern to

but to give expression to public opinion on an issue of deep concern to the whole city.

A special meeting of the Business Men's Club has been called for Monday at 5 o'clock. Councilman Jacob Umlauf will discuss his amendment to the pending ordinance for opening the hospital to the free use of all practicing physicians. Eppa Hunton, Jr. will

hospital to the free use of all practicing physicians. Eppa Hunton, Jr., will discuss the question as it affects the Medical College of Virginia.

Part of Well-Considered Plan.

"The offer of the Virginia Hospital to the city was not a sudden or sporadic thing," said Dr. Johnston yesterday. "It was a definite step in a carefully-considered plan, both for the terday. "It was a definite step in a carefully-considered plan, both for the care of the poor of Richmond and for the advancement of medical education, Years ago the city abandoned the plan of having one man at the head of the City Home Hospital and chose a regular staff. Since then the movement has steadily grown for a city hospital absolutely separated from the alms-

The consolidation of the medical colleges here was a long step forward, and has put an end to much bitterness and controversy. The University that he had engagements for toof a
ance's
Sheriff

Calumet, Mich., December 26.—Relief

Calumet, Mich., December 26.—Relief Kinnie that his strange charge was a workers to-day were unable to give have been absolutely deeded over to mas Eve catastrophe in Italian Hall, whether the people of Virginia realize that the State has received in this way a free gift of property worth Members of every bereaved house more than \$300,000, over and above old that was approached said they all charges against it. The University solidated college, the trustees of which are named by the Governor, not only the college buildings, but the plant known as the Virginia Hospital. The Offer to the City.

The college has offered the Virginia Hospital to the city, absolutely rent free, to be used as a public free hospital for the poor of the city, thus meeting a want long recognized. In doing this the college is meeting an immediate humanitarian demand of the community in the relief of suffering, but is also doing a larger work in the instruction of those who will go out to the very ends of the world and there use their knowledge for the relief of human suffering. The hospital was offered to the city

That faculty has been chosen by a State board from the best available

Several the medical school of the university is located here, the faculty cutor Lucas's investigators, and it was greatly strengthened. The hospital will then have the services, without any cost, not only of the best physicians in general paretice in Virginia, but it will also have the free services of the college professors in bacteriology, X-ray, blood analysis, and laboratory work, which might otherwise cost large sums. The poor man in such a hospital as is proposed will not have merely the advice of a general practitioner, but will be under the immediate charge sums. of the professor, who is the specialist in that particular disease. Obscure cases can be examined by various ex-perts until the disease is diagnosed, thus giving free to the poor of the community services for which wealthy men would be charged enormous sums.

Umlauf's Plan Impracticable "The Umlauf amendment allowing each patient to call in his own family physician, seems to me to be impracticable. It is not done in any other institution that I know of, and I have inquired as to the fact at Bellevue and allied hospitals in New York, where a regular hospital stan is in charge. We have never allowed family physicians to attend patients at the almshouse since there was a regular staff in

charge of the hospital. "Suppose for a moment that a man were brought to the hospital suffering from a gunshot wound in the abdo-men, and were to ask to be treated by his family physician. The Umlauf amendment admits any reputable physician of good character. The estimable man of excellent character. but of poor professional attainments. To have such a man operate would be I more dangerous than the wound itself.